



Inspection Report

The Mobile Zoo
15161 Ward Road
Wilmer, AL 36587

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Certificate: **64-C-0178**
Site: 001
THE MOBILE ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: Sep-22-2015

3.78 (d) REPEAT OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.

** The rhesus and bonnet macaque facility does not have a perimeter fence that is 6 feet tall around the primary enclosure. The current perimeter fence measures on the inside to be 69 inches tall. The fence was purchased as a 6 foot fence but it did not measure to be 72 inches tall. Also other factors such as ground erosion and build-up over time have modified and compromised the height of the fence. All outdoor non-human primate enclosures must be enclosed and maintained by a 6 foot high perimeter fence. The fence must be constructed in a manner so that it restricts unauthorized humans, and animals the size of dogs, skunks, and raccoons from going through it or under it and having contact with the non-human primates. Corrected by the exit interview.

3.125 (a) REPEAT FACILITIES, GENERAL.

** The opening of a shelter within the primary enclosure containing 7 Patagonian caviar enclosures was chewed, ragged and exposing a nail. Failure to maintain housing facilities in a structurally sound manner can cause injury to the animals. All structures must be maintained and kept structurally sound. The affected structures must be repaired and/or replaced. Corrected by the exit interview.

** The primary enclosure housing 7 Patagonian caviar had a hole that went beneath the fence. The mouth of the hole was about 10-12 inches wide and about 4-6 inches tall. The hole poses a risk of escape to the animals. A system should be in place and maintained to ensure all animal facilities are structurally sound and in good repair to contain the animals. Corrected by the exit interview.

** The chain link fence for the primary enclosure containing a tiger named Magoo and another primary enclosure containing a tiger named Special had trees/cane that were growing along the fencing and beyond the kick-ins. These two tigers are younger and could use the base of the trees to climb up and out of the enclosures. The fencing and tree cover around the fencing must be maintained to effectively contain the animals in their primary enclosures. The affected structures must be repaired and/or replaced. All housing facilities should be maintained and kept structurally sound to protect and contain the animals.

** The guillotine door on the den for 4 bears had 2 pieces of metal protruding into the opening of the

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shelter. The metal pieces could potentially cause injury to the animals. All structures must be maintained and kept structurally sound. The affected structures must be repaired and/or replaced.

*** In the den for 4 bears there was a feeding tube that extended into the den directly above a food receptacle. The feeding tube was broke so that the end directly above the food receptacle was jagged and could pose a risk of injury to the animals. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Corrected by the exit interview.

** The den roofs for the tigers, Magoo and Special, were made of plywood that was wrinkled on top and the layers of the plywood were separating. The tops of the plywood had a black powdery look. The plywood on both dens could be pulled up about 1/2 inch. The floor of the den for the leopard, Namib, had plywood with a black powdery look and the layers were separating. The floor would move a little when pressed against. The weakness of the plywood for the roofs and floor could break from pressure against it or weight on it posing the risk of injury or escape. The housing facilities must be repaired and/or replaced and should be maintained and kept structurally sound to protect and contain the animals.

** The primary enclosure fence for the tiger, Tigger, had a loose wire that was hanging into the pen. The loose wire could pose the risk of entanglement and injury. The housing facilities should be maintained and kept structurally sound to protect the animals from injury.

** There was a dead tree limb that had fallen and extended from the public pathway across the perimeter fence and on top of the enclosure containing the leopard, Namib. Left unaddressed the tree limb could pose a risk of injury or escape. The affected structures must be repaired and kept structurally sound to protect and contain the animals. Corrected by the exit interview.

3.125 (c)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

** In the walkway of the barn as you enter the park there were boxes of donated produce sitting on the ground. The produce was sitting there for at least an hour before we spotted it. The President stated that he did not have the means to refrigerate it so he would be distributing it to the animals that day. We continued the inspection in which the produce stayed outside on the ground during this time. The President handed the inspection over to the Director about an hour to two hours later. By this time we witnessed the produce being outside for at least three hours. The produce was never refrigerated during the three hours it was sitting outside. The only refrigerating system that the facility had was broken and leaking fluid from the contents within. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies of perishable foods to prevent illness of the animals. Correct by September 25, 2015.

** In the preparation room there was a chest freezer that was being used to refrigerate chicken. The first day of the inspection there was liquid that had leaked onto the floor that was attracting flies and had a foul odor. The second day of inspection at about 3:00 pm the chicken was still in the chest freezer. It appeared as if they tried to clean up the puddle of liquid but a closer look revealed that there was more liquid leaking out with white larvae "maggots" at the base of the freezer. The temperature inside the freezer obtained with the Raygun was 63 degrees F. The freezer is not properly refrigerating the contents within and it is also leaking. The freezer is in disrepair and needs to be replaced and/or repaired to

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prevent spoilage of the food content contained within and illness of the animals ingesting it. Correct by September 26, 2015

3.125 (d)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

** There was dry, dark, and dirty meat outside the leopard Jack's enclosure and on the platform inside the bobcat's enclosure. The facility stated that the cats are fed thawed chicken every other day. The day of the inspection was a feeding day and they had not been fed yet. Therefore the food waste had been out and not picked up for at least two days. The presence of food waste can lead to vermin infestation, odors and disease hazards. Waste should be disposed of to prevent any of these infestation or hazards by complying with applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment. Corrected by the exit interview.

3.129 (a)

FEEDING.

** There was donated produce that had been sitting outside for at least 3 hours during the inspection. The facility couldn't refrigerate the produce because their only means to do so was broken. In the boxes of produce sitting outside was a box of moldy strawberries and food was warm to the touch. During the end of the inspection the President was seen feeding the produce to the animals that had not been properly refrigerated. The produce should be refrigerated and not left outside for that length of time to prevent spoilage and bacteria growth. This potentially could cause illness and disease to the animals when ingested. Correct by September 25, 2015.

** In the preparation room there was a chest freezer that contained chicken. On the first day of the inspection the chicken was thawed and leaking out of the bottom of the freezer. There was also a foul odor and flies swarming. The facility said that they would be feeding the chicken to the animals only that day but would throw the rest out by the end of the day. On the second day of the inspection the odor was worst and the contents of the chest freezer was still leaking with white larvae/maggots in it. The refrigeration system's temperature measured at 63 degrees F with the Raygun. The facility had not disposed of the chicken by 3:00 pm on the second day. The fluids leaking from the contents within implies that it is not a closed system and has potential for contamination. Also the food had not been properly refrigerated which compromises the quality and causes spoilage. The odor was a strong indicator that spoilage had begun. The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination to prevent illness and to maintain all animals in good health. Correct by September 26, 2015

3.131 (c)

REPEAT

SANITATION.

** On the first day of the inspection the food preparation area had a foul odor with flies swarming around at the bottom of a chest freezer. There was a puddle of liquid leaking out of the freezer from the contents within. The President poured bleach in the liquid but didn't clean it up. On the second day we returned

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they had cleaned the liquid up from the first day but there still appeared to be an active leak from the freezer. There were flies swarming and in the liquid there was an abundance of white larvae maggots and a very foul odor still present. The preparation room needs to be kept clean to minimize odors, pests and to protect the health of the animals. Corrected by the exit interview.

3.132

EMPLOYEES.

** Based on new and repeat non-compliant items cited during this inspection and previous inspections, as well as the lack of man power and staff on-hand, it does not appear that the licensee has an adequate number of employees to carry out an acceptable level of maintenance for this facility. Without adequate personnel or time to properly perform the required functions of a licensee, the facility can fall into further disrepair, waste and debris can accumulate, and the safety of the public and the ability to properly contain the animals is compromised. The licensee must have adequate labor to provide adequate maintenance and overall up keep for the animals and their facilities. Correct by October 7, 2015

The inspection was conducted with the President, Zoo Director and Dr. Bart Sutherland, VMO. The exit interview was conducted with the Zoo Director and Dr. Bart Sutherland, VMO.

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